induction of SU-30 aircraft in Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor and the steps taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for the delay are being ascertained. In the meanwhile efforts are being made to expedite the delivery.

Bomb Blasts in Tamil Nadu

*318. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bomb blasts that occurred since July, 1996 to till date in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have sent any advice to the State Government to prevent the bomb blasts in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI):

(a) As per available information, the following are the details of bomb blasts in Tamil Nadu from July 1, 1996 till-date;

District	No. of incidents.
Chennai	16
Coimbatore	24
Cudallore	1
Dharamapuri	4
Dindigal	3
Erode	2
Kanchipuram	3
Kanyakumari	5
Madurai	19
Nagapattanam	3
Namakkal	1
Salem	2
Thanjavur	3
Theni	3
Thiruvallur	1
Thiruchirapalli	1
Thirunelveli	25
Toticorin	27
Vellore	1
Villupuram	2
Virudhunagar	8
TOTAL	154

(b) and (c) Intelligence is invariably shared by the Central Government with the concerned State Governments from time to time, in order to enable them to take appropriate preventive measures well in time. This has been done in the case of Tamil Nadu as well. Further, 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Government to devise appropriate methods and take concrete steps to maintain law and order in the State.

Modernisation of Andhra Police

*319 DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for release of funds for modernisation of State Police Forces; and

(b) if so, the action taken to assist Andhra Pradesh Government to modernise Police Forces?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Central Government has released Rs. 22.28 crores approximately to the State, during the last three years, under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. Besides, Andhra Pradesh is also availing of grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission for upgradation of its police related infrastructure.